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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator **South Carolina Public Service Commission** 101 Executive Center Drive (29210) Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

> RE: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of South Carolina Electric

& Gas Company Docket No. 2008-2-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-captioned docket is Hearing Exhibit No. 4.

By copy of this letter all parties of record are being simultaneously served with a copy of Hearing Exhibit No. 4 via first class United States mail service.

Very truly yours,

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Mitchell Willoughby

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### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

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IN RE:

| Annual Review of Base Rates For Fuel Costs of South Carolina Electric | ) c) HEARING EXHIBIT NO. 4 |
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| and Gas Company.  |                            |
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South Carolina Electric & Gas Company was asked to provide information on the beneficial effects of its Emissions Reduction Project. Below is the requested information.

# SO2 Savings – approximately 14.5% reduction in reported SO2 emissions from SCE&G's coal plants in 2007

The 14.5% reduction in measured SO2 emissions in calendar year 2007 compared to 2006 correlates to a reduction of approximately 15,500 tons. Using an average SO2 allowance cost of \$186 per ton, a savings of approximately \$2.9 million was realized. Please note that this average allowance cost is much lower than the current market price because it includes allowances provided to SCE&G at zero cost. Also, please note that the reduction in measured SO2 emissions should continue into future periods, reducing the need for SO2 allowances as long as the coal plants are in service subject, of course, to changes in environmental laws and regulations.

# NOx Savings – approximately 7.19% reduction in reported ozone season NOx emissions from SCE&G's coal plants in 2007

The 7.19% reduction in measured NOx emissions in calendar year 2007 compared to 2006 correlates to a reduction of approximately 500 tons. SCE&G did not purchase NOx allowances during the period under review. However, SCE&G believes the NOx reductions realized by the Emissions Reduction Project will offset the need for future purchases. Using a market average NOx allowance cost of \$800 per ton, a future savings of approximately \$400,000 will be realized as a result of the reduction in measured NOx emissions during the review period. Also, please note that the reduction in measured NOx emissions should continue into future periods, reducing the need for NOx allowances as long as the coal plants are in service subject, of course, to changes in environmental laws and regulations.